



October 6, 2014

WIC Website

The state will be doing some updates to the website between October 6 - November 11, 2014. We will not be able to update any content during this time. Please note that the newsletters that go out during this time period will only be emailed and will not be posted to the website until after November 11, 2014.

Nutrition Education Topics

As discussed at the conference, and outlined in the state plan, the core education topics to be completed at certifications have changed slightly. On Friday we updated SPIRIT to match the topics in the State Plan. We will also be working to update the referral tab to include "Referrals assessed-none needed" and "Referrals denied" instead of "No referrals". This should improve documentation and result in less findings.

Manager Focus Group Conference Call

We had a recent conference call with our retailers where we discussed our [cashier survey](#) from this past spring. We have included [highlights from the call](#) in case you are interested in what our retailers had to say.

Loving Support Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Training

The Flathead County Health Department is hosting a training for Breastfeeding Peer Counselors on October 9th, 2014 from 8 - 5:00pm in their conference room. There is no registration fee and lunch will be ordered in, though everyone will pay for their own meal. View the [agenda](#) and a [list of nearby hotels](#). Contact [Jeannine Lund](#) for more information.

State Holiday Schedule

Please be aware that we have several holidays coming up in the next few months that the State Office will be closed. These dates are 10/13/14 (Columbus Day), 11/4/14 (Voting Day), 11/11/14 (Veterans Day), 11/27/14 (Thanksgiving), and 12/25/14 (Christmas).

Forms Orders Due

The Forms/Brochures have changed from packets of 25 ea. to packets of 50 ea, please be aware

when filling out the "Amount Requested" section of the form. Please send completed forms orders to [Mark Squires](#) by October 15, 2014.

Food Day is October 24th!

Food Day is a nationwide campaign to draw attention to food issues, both personally and at a policy level. There are events planned across the country to celebrate local, healthy foods, and promote awareness around nutrition issues. Check out the [website](#) for guidance on planning activities in your community.



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